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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1888.

Real estate,		\$235,820 00
Number of polls,	138,	13,800 00
„ horses,	136,	9,285 00
„ cows,	445,	12,045 00
„ oxen,	22,	1,130 00
„ other neat stock,	37,	580 00
„ hogs,	15,	160 00
„ carriages,	20,	1,060 00
Stock in public funds,		8,000 00
Money on hand and at interest,		17,950 00
Stock in trade,		7,530 00
Mills,		300 00
Total valuation,		\$307,660 00

On which valuation the selectmen have assessed the following amount :

State tax,	\$690 00
County tax,	614 43
Town tax,	400 00
School tax,	783 00
Percentage,	96 89
Dog-tax,	56 00
Non-resident highway-tax,	145 29
	\$2,785 61

The selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following sums :

State railroad-tax,	\$77 15
Savings-bank tax,	122 58
Literary-fund,	38 07
Sale of lots in cemetery,	24 00
Received for lumber,	75
	<u>\$262 55</u>

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer as follows :

SCHOOLS.

School-board,	\$573 62
Gyles Merrill, treasurer of Atkinson Academy,	300 00
	<u>\$873 62</u>

BRIDGES.

Edson E. Peaslee, lumber on bridge near Daniel Hitchcock,	\$20 00
S. C. P. Trefrey, labor " " " "	2 25
John Little, lumber and labor on bridge near Salem line,	9 75
Edson E. Peaslee, lumber for bridge near I. S. Noyes,	5 60
D. D. Chase & Co., " " " "	9 69
F. W. Greenough, labor on bridge near I. S. Noyes,	2 25
C. F. Noyes, drawing lumber,	1 12
Edson E. Peaslee, lumber for bridge near William C. Noyes,	6 40
	<u>\$57 06</u>

SNOW-BILLS.

William F. Knight,	\$23 25
Otis S. Merrill,	22 09
Daniel W. Goodnow,	22 85
Jay W. Stickney,	24 90
George A. Page,	9 45
Albert Little,	24 30
James M. Nesmith,	14 45
John Little,	7 60
	<u>\$148 89</u>

 NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY-TAX AND OTHER MONEY EXPENDED ON ROADS.

Zimri Bragdon,	District No. 1,	\$4 42
Daniel W. Goodnow,	„ 7,	28 08
Stephen C. P. Trefrey,	„ 8,	22 61
John Little,	„ 8,	2 70
Nathan H. Russell,	„ 9,	26 48
Otis S. Merrill,	„ 10,	55 44
John W. Pettengill,	„ 11,	3 30
Leonard B. Gove,	„ 12,	43 00
Phillip D. Merrill,	„ 2,	10 50
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		\$196 53

Non-resident highway tax-receipts. 41 64

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Horace W. Wentworth, dog-tax,	\$1 00
Daniel K. Stickney,	84
Benjamin R. Heald,	84
Henry L. Morgan,	1 09
Joshua Richards,	84
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	\$4 61

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mitchell & Hoyt, printing reports,	\$17 00
E. N. Greenough, stationery,	1 58
Gyles Merrill, rent of hall,	30 00
Wyman B. Knight, ringing bell,	35 00
George P. Dow, watering-trough,	3 00
John B. Mason, „	3 00
Isaac R. Hovey, gravel,	5 00
Charles A. Knight, damage to domestic animals,	4 00
George H. Merrill, damage to carriage,	5 00
E. N. Greenough, paying State and county tax,	3 00
Newton Band,	34 20
Gilman Greenough, perambulating line,	1 00
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	\$141 78

TRANSIENT POOR.

On account Frank LaPage, \$2 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

School-board,	\$25 00
Samuel B. Mason, town and district clerk,	13 50
Gilman Greenough, town treasurer,	14 00
" " supervisor,	10 00
Isaac S. Noyes, "	10 00
William H. Wason, "	4 00
Samuel N. Little, collector,	41 78
John K. Mason, selectman,	18 00
George A. Page, selectman,	21 00
Edward N. Greenough, selectman,	26 50
	<u>\$183 78</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in collector's warrant,	\$2,785 61	
Received from other sources,	262 55	
	<u> </u>	3,048 16
Paid on account of schools,	\$870 62	
" " bridges,	57 06	
" " highways,	196 53	
" " snow-bills,	148 89	
" " abatement of taxes,	4 61	
" " miscellaneous,	141 78	
" " town officers,	183 78	
" " State tax,	690 00	
" " county tax,	614 43	
" " transient poor,	2 50	
	<u> </u>	\$2,910 20
Leaving a balance in favor of the town,		\$137 96

EDWARD N. GREENOUGH,	} Selectmen of Atkinson.
GEORGE A. PAGE,	
JOHN K. MASON,	

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The collector charges himself with : Amount in warrant,	\$2,785 61
And credits himself : By receipts of treasurer,	<u>2,755 21</u>
Balance uncollected,	\$30 40

S. NOYES LITTLE, Collector.

UNPAID TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Martha French,	\$4 52
Samuel French,	6 47
Enoch P. Hoitt,	14 36
John L. Little,	2 76
Horace W. Wentworth,	<u>2 31</u>
	\$30 42

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer charges himself with :

Cash on hand March 1, 1888,	\$378 20
Received from State, railroad tax,	77 15
literary fund,	38 07
savings-bank tax,	122 58
sale of cemetery lots,	24 00
old lumber,	75
collector of 1882,	14 27
1887,	45 38
1888,	<u>2,755 21</u>
	\$3,455 61

He credits himself as follows :

By paying State tax,	\$690 00
county tax,	614 43
selectmen's orders,	1,608 75
non-resident highway receipts,	<u>41 64</u>
	2,954 82
Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$500 79

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due from taxes of 1884,	\$25 20
1885,	21 41
1888,	30 40
Cash in treasury,	<u>500 79</u>
Balance in favor of the town,	\$577 80

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer.

Births in the Town of Atkinson for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1888.

TABLE A

BIRTHS.

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Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Living or Stillborn.	Sex.	Color.	No. of Birth.	Name of Father.
Clifton Daniel Wright.....	Aug. 30.....	Living.....	Male.....	White.....	Second.....	George E. Wright.....
Howard N. Richards.....	Sept. 5.....	Living.....	Male.....	White.....	First.....	Joshua A. Richards.....
Oscar P. Tuttle.....	Sept. 19.....	Living.....	Male.....	White.....	First.....	Samuel N. Tuttle.....
Alice M. Batchelder.....	Sept. 9.....	Living.....	Female.....	White.....	Fourth.....	Hiram T. Batchelder.....
Henry B. Tuttle.....	Oct. 23.....	Living.....	Male.....	White.....	Fourth.....	Fred Tuttle.....

Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Mary A. Costello.....	Atkinson.....	White.....	Farmer.....	Atkinson.....	Prince Edwards Island.....	29.....	23.....
Edine Russell.....	Atkinson.....	White.....	Farmer.....	Atkinson.....	Haverhill, Mass.....	20.....	19.....
Mary G. Carleton.....	Atkinson.....	White.....	Farmer.....	Atkinson.....	Platow.....	29.....	29.....
Alma Noyes.....	Atkinson.....	White.....	Farmer.....	East Farnham, P. Q.....	Atkinson.....	34.....	28.....
Ella S. Costello.....	Atkinson.....	White.....	Farmer.....	Derry.....	Atkinson.....	32.....	20.....

Marriages Registered in the Town of Atkinson, for Year ending Dec. 31, 1888

TABLE B.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride,	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.
March 27, 1888.....	Atkinson	John H. Smith.....	Atkinson	33.....	White.....	Shoemaker.....
		Emma A. Little.....	Atkinson	41.....	White.....	
Nov. 10, 1888.....	Atkinson	Charles B. Reynolds..	Atkinson	30.....	White	Carpenter
		Ida F. Little.....	Atkinson	26.....	White.....	
Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation.	Condition: Whether single or wid- owed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, &c.		
Salem, N. H.....	B. H. & E. C. Smith.....	.....	.....	Widow—2d.....	.....	A. C. Swan, pastor of Congregational church, Atkinson.....
Atkinson, N. H.....	Thomas & Amelia Little.....	.....	Farmer	Single—1st.....	.....
Foxford, Mass.....	W. B. & S. Reynolds.....	Atkinson and Derry..	Farmer	Single—1st.....	.....	A. C. Swan, pastor of Congregational church, Atkinson.....
Atkinson, N. H	J. L. & Laura Little .....	.....	Mason	Single—1st.....	.....

Deaths in the Town of Atkinson for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1888.

TABLE C

Names.	Date of Death.	Sex.	Color.	Married or Single.	Age.	Occupation.
Walter B. Russ II.....	Jan. 20, 1888.....	Male	White..	Married.....	26y.	8m, od Shoemaker
Arthur L. Merrick.....	April 2, 1888.....	Male	White..	Married.....	57y.	6m, 4d Shoemaker
Sarah Noyes Clarke.....	April 10, 1888.....	Female	White..	Married.....	58y.	9m, 8d Housewife..
Jane E. Gove.....	June 23, ".....	Female	White..	Married.....	66y.	11m, 12d Housewife..
Martha V. Hazen.....	Sept 2, ".....	Female	White..	Widow.....	72y.	10m, 12d Housewife..
Priscilla V. Markham.....	Sept 17, ".....	Female	White..	Widow.....	73y.	Housewife..
Mary Noyes.....	Oct 17, ".....	Female	White..	Married.....	81y.	8m, 18d Housewife..
Greenleaf Clarke.....	Sept 20, ".....	Male	White..	Widower.....	72y.	4m, 18d Farmer....
Oscar Wright.....	Aug 25, ".....	Male	White..	Single.....	9m, 10d	9m, 10d
Henrietta Pettengill.....	Nov 10, ".....	Female	White..	Married.....	52y.	1m, 2d Housewife..
Place of Birth.	Name of Father,	Maiden Name of Mother,	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother		
Merrimac.....	Nathan H. Russell.....	Harriett B. Mason.....	Maine.....	Maine.....		
Hampstead.....	Jonathan L. Merriek.....	Nan v Morse.....	Hampstead.....	Hampstead.....		
Atkinson.....	Silas Noyes.....	Lucy Noyes.....	Atkinson.....	Atkinson.....		
Hill.....	Abiel Morrill.....	Abby Clay.....	Franklin.....	Wilmon.....		
Atkinson.....	John Yose.....	Lydia Webster.....	Bedford.....	Methuen, Mass.....		
Atkinson.....	Henry Noyes.....	Tamar Little.....	Atkinson.....	Atkinson.....		
Atkinson.....	Greenleaf Clarke.....	Judith Cogswell.....	Atkinson.....	Haverhill, Mass.....		
Atkinson.....	Fred P. Wright.....	Mary Knight.....	Atkinson.....	Atkinson.....		
Derry.....	Woodburn Nichols.....	Eliza Day.....	Derry.....	Derry.....		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON.

As required by law, the following report is respectfully submitted for the year ending March 1, 1889.

SCHOOLS NOS. 1 & 3.

Under the new apportionment of public taxes the sum required by law to be raised for the support of schools is nearly one hundred dollars less than heretofore. The smaller amount therefore at the disposal of the school board for the year that has just closed, made the practice of economy somewhat necessary in its expenditure, and with this view these schools were as in 1887, united. The spring term which began April 23, and ended June 29, was kept in the Center school house, and the fall term which began Sept. 3 and ended Nov. 28, at the school house on the East road. Both terms were taught by Miss Mary L. Thomas a teacher who has had much experience in this and adjoining towns, and who possesses the faculty of gaining the good will of her pupils and by that means rendering them obedient and docile, thus preparing the way for that success, which in a greater or less degree is the result of patient and continued effort on the part of the teacher, and we think from a careful inspection of the school that most of the pupils are to be credited with having made a good amount of progress in their studies, and in particular commend the classes in reading and spelling, for the improvement made. We regard Miss Thomas as a very earnest and faithful teacher, and it is certainly not her fault that all her pupils were not as ready and able to learn and remember, as she was willing and able to teach. The rhetorical exercises at the close of each term were both amusing and instructive and alike creditable to both teacher and pupils.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

This school was taught by Miss Mary E. Eaton. There were two terms of ten and thirteen weeks ; the Spring term beginning April 23d and ending June 28th, the Fall term beginning Aug. 27th and ending Nov. 23d. What has been said in previous reports while Miss Eaton has had charge of this school is still applicable. She is still a reliable and faithful teacher. Her work gives general satisfaction.

A little more regularity in attendance if possible on the part of some pupils would be a great help to the teacher and a still greater benefit to the scholars themselves. Parents and friends always manifest their interest in this school by their numerous attendance at the closing exercises.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

The Spring term of this school began May 7 and continued for eight weeks, and was under the instruction of Miss Lettie M. Wood of Auburn. From the appearance of this school at the time of our first visit we were confident that it could not fail to be one of great profit and advantage to its members as it seemingly had all the elements necessary to success. For the order was good to begin with, the pupils were studious, the recitations perfect, or nearly so, the methods of instruction of the best ; and in fact nothing appeared to be neglected, either on the part of the teacher or pupils, that would contribute to the good of the school. We hardly need say that the closing examination proved conclusively that our expectations were well founded, and we are certain that the merits of the school must have been perfectly apparent to all present on that occasion.

The Fall term beginning Sept. 9, and ending Dec. 7, was also taught by Miss Wood with the same good success as attended the Spring term, and the foregoing remarks will apply with equal force to this term also. We note with pleasure the fact that notwithstanding the length of the school, and the generally unpleasant weather that prevailed during its continuance, two pupils, Mabel I. Gibson and Jennie L. Emerson are reported as not being absent or tardy during the term.

The Register of this school is commended as a model of neatness and accuracy

SCHOOL NO 5.

During the past year instruction has been given to this school by Miss Lucinda J. Noyes. This was her first experience as a salaried teacher, although while herself a scholar she had volunteered her services as assistant occasionally. Being thus selected to assist would seem to indicate some natural aptitude for teaching. Although she had a very small school, yet her efforts were quite successful. A little incident in evidence of this might be mentioned. A little fellow five or six years old, being asked, on the closing day, if he wasn't glad that school was going to close, said, "No, sir ; I wish it would keep all the time."

The Spring term of ten weeks began April 23d and closed June 29th. The Fall term of twelve and three-fifths weeks began Sept. 3rd and closed Nov. 28th.

GILMAN GREENOUGH,	} School Board.
GEORGE E. EMERSON,	
HERBERT N. SAWYER,	

THE ACADEMY

The Winter term of this school closed on Friday, March 1st. Under the able management of Mr. T. B. Rice, it continues in a flourishing condition. Patiently and faithfully has the present Principal labored to restore it to its former high standing. And his efforts to this end have been attended with much success. He deserves and ought to have the hearty co-operation of the whole town. Of course, we are all interested in the matter of public instruction—those of us who have children directly and evidently. Those of us who are not thus favored, cannot fail to recognize the fact, that a good school, in any town in which the practical, scientific, and classical courses are taught, must greatly enhance the value of all real estate. And further, all personal property is more secure, and the people themselves are more secure and happy on account of the intelligence diffused through the agency of the school. For in such a locality the people generally know the laws and the penalties for offending the same.

The general appearance of the school when visited during the year, and on the closing day of this term was excellent. The pupils seemed

to understand the purposes and requirements of the schoolroom, so that the waste of time on account of discipline is reduced to the minimum.

The examinations and rhetorical exercises were well attended by parents and friends, and showed that thorough and practical work had been accomplished. The essays by the older pupils were especially meritorious, being logical, and evincing much thought and research.

GEORGE E. EMERSON.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

NO. OF SCHOOLS.	1 & 3	2	4	5
Number of weeks, spring term.....	10	10	8	10
fall term	12 3 5	13	14	12 3-5
Whole number scholars, spring	23	8	9	7
fall	12	18	9	6
in reading, spring.....	22	8	9	7
fall.....	12	18	9	6
in spelling, spring	21	8	8	7
fall	10	18	8	6
in penmanship, spring...	21	8	7	5
fall	10	18	7	5
in arithmetic, spring....	20	7	7	5
fall	10	18	7	4
geography, spring.....	17	2	4	2
fall	8	15	4	1
grammar, spring.....	6	2	3	2
fall	3	6	4	1
history, spring.....	1		1	
fall		1	2	
music, spring		8		
fall		18		

Number of visits by Schoolboard, 20
citizens and others, 184,

Scholars returned by Selectmen : boys, 20 ; girls, 28.

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